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USDA TO MEASURE SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION

LAKEWOOD, CO – During the first two weeks of September, growers of small grains around the country will receive survey forms from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking an in-depth look into the 2014 production and supply of small grains, which include wheat, oats, barley, and rye.

"The small grains industry is a major component of our region's agriculture and it is crucial to have accurate data about this key sector," said NASS Mountain Region Director Bill Meyer. "We will contact more than 5,000 producers in Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, & Wyoming to accurately measure 2014 acreage, yield, and production for small grains. The data collected from this survey will also help set small grain acreage and production estimates at the county level."

NASS will contact agricultural producers to gather information on their 2014 production and the quantities of small grains & row crops stored on farm. As an alternative to mailing the survey back, to help save both time and money, growers will have the option to respond to the survey online. The farmers who have not responded by August 30th will receive a phone call from a NASS-trained enumerator who will help them fill out the survey form.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in several reports, including the annual *Small Grains Summary* and the quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released September 30. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information call the NASS Mountain Region Field Office at 1-800-392-3202.

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